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MAGIC MUSINGS

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Meeting 1st Thursday of every month, Baptist Medical Center



It's YOUR turn to shine at April 3 meeting

APRIL MEETINGS:

● **Thursday, April 3**
Regular monthly meeting

Baptist Memorial Hospital

● **Monday, April 21**

Greg Wilson Lecture

Place to be announced

Things & Stuff

✓ **Damon Reinbold**, with assistance of his sister, Marcie, and fellow ring members **Derrick Rose** and **Randal Eller**, will perform at a Houston Oilers get-together in Nashville, April 5.

✓ Remember: the **Northeast Arkansas Magic Club** at **Newport** invites us to attend their regular meeting on the last Sunday of each month, at 2 pm. at 307 Main, the Boyce Law Firm.

✓ The same goes for **Ring 308** in **Searcy**, which meets the first Monday of each month at Searcy High School.

✓ And **Ring 75** in **Fort Smith** meets the 2nd Sunday each month at the Fort Smith Library. Go visit them, too.

✓ **LAST MONTH:** Our annual auction raised about \$125 for the club. Thanks to all who brought items to auction, and those who bid on and bought items.

✓ This seems to be a busy time of the year, and many of our magicians are busy. Call and let us know what you've been up to.

✓ We are still accepting signatures on the petition to select James Kinzey to be the Territorial Vice President. But we must mail it right away so please call Jim now.

✓ We understand that the Pendragons will be appearing on several television shows in coming weeks. Watch your TV guide.

✓ **Derrick Rose** recently performed at a Connie Stevens celebrity fund-raiser, and has written a report on the experience. We include it with this newsletter.

✓ The annual **Cavalcade of Magic** will take place next weekend, April 3-5. **Jim Henson** will be there as a dealer. We'll get him to give us a report for the next newsletter. Is anyone else from our chapter planning to go up?

It has been a long time since we had a good old-fashioned meeting featuring our own members, so **LET'S DO IT!**

Next Thursday -- April 3 -- is our regular meeting, at 7 pm at the Baptist Memorial Medical Center in a meeting room behind the cafeteria.

It's going to be a two-approach meeting:

- ✓ a **Show and Tell** about anything on your magical mind (new book, toy, etc.); and
- ✓ a **Everyone-Does-a-Trick** Night!

Yes, this is a special meeting featuring the most important people of all -- **US!**

Everyone should bring at least one trick to perform and explain. We all can improve our magic by performing and getting tips, as well as watching and listening to others. You might bring a second trick in case we have time for a second run-through.

Wilson to lecture April 21

Greg Wilson, a California magician who is well-known throughout magic circles, will present a special lecture to our club, **Monday, April 21 at 7 pm.** We're still working on a location, so call Mr. Magic (455-6242) for the place. The cost will be only \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members.

Mark your calendars now and be there!

Wilson has been performing for corporate America for over 15 years. He is the source of "The Secret Source," the creator of the double lift video "Double Take" and of "The Stockholder," an astonishing business card case. His latest release is the coin routine "Honest Abe" and his new video "Off the Cuff," has been praised for its wealth of useable commercial material.

His lecture deals with **impromptu magic**. He will teach you simple, yet stunning, effects using everyday objects. You won't learn just abbreviated impromptu tricks, but complete, entertaining routines using finger rings, cocktail napkins, pens, sugar packets, lip-stick, coins, bills, rubber bands, matches, keys, watches and business cards. You'll never be caught off guard again when someone wants you to "do some magic right now."

Don't miss this fun-filled lecture packed with valuable tricks, tips and ideas!

And you may have been saving up a new magic book, a magic toy or some other magic item to show and tell us about. It's time to share, so come and do it!

Members urged to join IBM at national level

There are a number of people who are dues-paying members of our Ring, but who are not members of IBM national.

Technically, we are not supposed to allow local members who are not members of national. Maybe it is just an oversight on some people's parts. Please join national.

If you have any doubt as to whether you are a national member, call Jim Henson. He has a list of IBM Arkansas members.

Ring dues raised to \$15; due July 1st

Ring members recently approved the proposal to raise club dues to \$15 per year, (from \$10) the first increase since anyone can remember.

Our fiscal year ends June 30, so the dues for 1997-98 are due and payable on July 1st. Please pay your dues on or before then (including national)!

Newsletter is now 4 years old

EDITOR'S NOTE: I noticed the other day that it was April, 1993, when I started this newsletter. That's four years ago. Since we have skipped one or two issues, that means there have been about 45 newsletters over those years.

For all of you who have called or mailed items for the newsletter -- **THANKS!** A special thanks to **Jim Henson**, who works with me each month to put all this together. It is always interesting how much people want to READ a newsletter, but won't take the time or trouble to call in items. So resolve to do better, starting right now!

So what's your news?

Call Dennis at 374-1500 or Jim at 455-6242 and tell what's going on!

Magic in Las Vegas is featured in magazine

✓ The latest issue of the Delta Airlines in-flight magazine, "Sky," has an article about the many magic shows in Las Vegas. There are several shows there featuring magic, and Ring member Scott Davis is going there in a few days to see many of them. We'll ask him to write us a report when he gets back.. Call Dennis Schick if you'd like a copy of the magazine article.

The article tells a little about the following shows:

● **Siegfried & Roy:** Their slick show, at The Mirage, costs a whopping \$83.85, more than my first house monthly payment.

● **Lance Burton: Master Magician:**

At the Monte Carlo Resort, it costs \$34.95, and is a much better show and bargain, according to the author of the article.

● **Nick Lewin's Comedy Magic:**

An afternoon act by a magician from England, he does a lot of close-up magic. At Maxim, it costs from \$9.95 to \$12.95 to get in.

● **Caesars Magical Empire:**

This new attraction is at (where else?) Caesars Palace. It's a multi-part adventure, including lunch or dinner, wizards and sorcerers, two theaters after you eat (one for large-scale illusions and the other for close-up magic).

This gem costs between \$67.50 and \$77.50. You had better auction off some of your unused magic to afford to go.

● **Showgirls of Magic:**

Set in a theater which looks like a strip joint, the author says it is "cheesey, tacky and awful." At the Hotel San Remo, it only costs \$19.95.

● **Spellbound.**

Featured in this show is Mexico's leading illusionist, Joaquin Ayala. It costs \$29.95 and is at Harrah's Las Vegas.

It sounds like magic is blossoming all over in Las Vegas, and is part of the city's transformation from the long-held image as "Sin City," to a true family vacationland. If any of you go, please report back to the rest of us so we can know which shows to see and which ones to avoid.

"Disillusionist" is featured at Tourism Conference

Billy Riggs, a professional magician, performed a 90-minute show as the concluding session of the Governor's Conference on Tourism, March 18 in Pine Bluff..

He billed himself as a "disillusionist," and spent most of the show telling people how and why they should give up the more-fun illusions of life and accept the disillusion (realities and the truth). He called his show "Grand Illusions."

To make his points, he performed a series of tricks, including the Torn and Restored Newspaper (at the beginning and also at the end), the Zig Zag Woman (using a guest from the audience), Cards with Changing Dots, the Invisible Deck, a Levitation (of a woman from the audience), and a series of predictions. Woven throughout the tricks were bits of humor and motivation.

More things & stuff

✓ Congratulations to **Paul Carlon** and his wife, **Lisa**, on the birth of their new magician in the family.

✓ Go see the new "vacation" film, this time "Las Vegas Vacation," with Chevy Chase. We understand that **Siegfried and Roy** play an important part in the film.

Yes, there's magic on the World Wide Web

Ring #29 has its own web site, and if you're interested in it contact **James Kinsey** or **Bill Fulton**. We'll get the web address and print it in the next issue of this newsletter.

Some time back we ran the following four sites in this publication. But we reprint them here because we have some extra space, and because every day more and more people discover the wonderful world of webs.

If any of you discover other sites, please let us know so we can keep an up-to-date list, which we'll reproduce now and then.

Timothy Lee's Home Page:

<http://www.ualr.edu/~tmleel/index.html>

The Encore Magic Page:

<http://user.itl.net/~encoure/links.html>

Magic!:

<http://www.websmart.com/magic.html>

Welcome to "The Links":

<http://www.netdepot.com/~gargoyle/links.html>

Some Riggs-isms: "Crippling illusions" prevent people from accomplishing their best. People who play "virtual reality" fight enemies which don't exist and dodge missiles which aren't really there -- something we all do.

We all have the power to choose. Life is a series of small choices. Example: you choose what to eat, when to eat and how much to eat.

At the end of his show, he looked out over the audience and said he was going to "predict the future." Pausing, he then shocked everyone by predicting "more of the same." Most of you won't really change, he said. But those who do will change their lives and the people around them, for the good.

Here's a free newsletter on magic to download

We received the following news release this week and pass it on for your benefit:

"The Daily Magic," will be delivered via E-mail on a daily basis, or weekly, depending on your preference. Each and every edition will contain the secret and complete instructions of an outstanding illusion that you can add to your own "bag of tricks."

In addition, periodically we will include schedules for upcoming magic conventions, highlights of past conventions, book reviews, interviews, and analysis of commercially-available tricks.

For more information, please E-mail RPM Magic at:

RPMmagic@aol.com

Insert the single word "info" in the body of the message."

Someone please log on to this site, download it and bring it to our next meeting for all to see. We all need to share this kind of information since the world of magic is out there on the World Wide Web, and we who have the capability should take advantage of it. Who wants to volunteer to be the Ring webmaster and keeper of all things cybermagic?